Centre for Electronics Test and Engineering

7268. SHRI K.R. JAYADEVAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a Centre for Electronics Test and engineering with German assistance to provide the much needed technical manpower for the Electronics Industry and also for the testing and quality control services;

(b) if so, where this centre is likely to be located;

(c) whether the Centre has received request from Government of Karnataka regarding location for establishing this centre at karnataka; and

(d) if so, whether Government of India will consider the request of Government of Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Centre for Electronics Test Engineering (CETE) has already been established at Calcutta.

(c) and (d) The Government of Karnataka have requested the Government of India for setting up of a Centre for electronics Test Engineering in karnataka. The decision for setting up of the Centre will depend on the result of long term cost benefit analysis.

Complaints Against Authorised Chemists

7269. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Questions 65 and 2666 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1994 and 30th March, 1995 and state:

(a) what the criterion for cancellation of contract of the CGHS recognised chemists;

(b) whether the number of complaints against a chemist is taken into accord for cancellation of contract, if so, what are the reasons for not cancelling the contract of M/s Rajdhani Medical Store despite a large number of complaints against the said chemist whereas the contract of M/s Modern Bazar, Defence Colony has since been cancelled;

(c) what are the reasons for M/s Radhani Medical Store being issued warnings only and punitive action not being initiated against it;

(d) whether there has been no positive effect of the warnings issued against the erring chemists;

(e) whether Government have tried to assess the effect of warnings issued against the chemists in general and M/s Radhani Medical Store in particular;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;

(g) the names of officials entrusted with the duties to make probe in the matter relating to such complaints; and

(h) what action Government propose to take against M/s Radhani Medical Store and the official responsible in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The Contract can be cancelled on violation of terms and conditions of the contract.

(b) and (c) Yes, action is taken for cancellation of contract keeping in view the number of complaints. The complaint against M/s Rajdhani Medical Store is under investigation. M/s Modern Bazar resigned on its own expressing its inability to supply the medicines.

(d) There has been positive effect of the warnings issued to the Chemists.

(e) to (h) Yes, Sir. Chief Medical Officers (Incharge) of the Dispensaries are monitoring the complaints.

Medical Equipments Lying Idle

7270. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the 30th April, 1995 under the caption "Rs. 150 crore worth medical equipment lying idle"; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy this situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Electronics have set up 13 Electro-Medical Maintenance Centres in 12 States to provide repair and maintenance facilities for electro-medical equipments.

Effect of Tinned Food

7271. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tinned food, the consumption of which has been gradually increasing among the children in the country, contains lead which is damaging the health of children;

(b) whether it is also a fact that children are particularly vulnerable to damage on account of lead; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, already prescribe maximum limit of lead in various food articles including tinned-food. The limit prescribed is considered to be safe.

Under-Weight Babies Born in the Country

7272. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of under-weight babies born in the country is 33;

(b) whether it is also a fact that malnutrition during pregnancy due to anaemia and vitamin 'A' deficiency are responsible for this;

(c) if so, whether any comprehansive plan is being drawn to counter this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Maternal undernutrition and anaemia are major causes low birth weight babies. The percentage of under weight babies estimated to be around 33.

(c) and (d) Prophylaxis and treatment of anaemia for pregnant women is being improved under the child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme started in 1992-93. The programme which is being implemented in a phased manner will cover all districts by 1996-97. Programmes releated to birth spacing and supplementary nutrition for pregnant women are also being implemented.

Complaints Against the Incharge, C.G.H.S. Dispensary, R.K. Puram

7273. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 644 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1995 and states: